

House Resolution 2354

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Barnes of the 78th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the citizens of Clayton County, in conjunction with the Clayton County Commission,
2 to establish a Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in response to the problem of missing children in Clayton County,
4 Representative Roberta Abdul-Salaam and Representative Darryl Jordan, in cooperation with
5 the chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby urge the
6 establishment of a Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce; and

7 WHEREAS, the taskforce shall be authorized to review processes and procedures for
8 reporting, investigating, searching for, and appropriate follow up with regard to missing
9 children and shall collect and analyze data on children who are missing without explanation
10 or where foul play is suspected, are known or suspected to have run away, or are known or
11 suspected to be habitually truant; and

12 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce shall work collaboratively
13 with all local law enforcement agencies and other agencies that work with the youth in
14 Clayton County; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce shall consist of no more than
16 21 members; two members of the Georgia General Assembly; two members of the County
17 Commission; the Sheriff of Clayton County or his or her designee; the Chief of Police or his
18 or her designee; the Clayton County Juvenile Court officers or representatives as appointed
19 by the court; the Clayton County School Board and Superintendent's appointees; the District
20 Attorney's office appointees; the Solicitor General's office appointees; the Department of
21 Family and Children Services appointees; the Rainbow House appointee; the Awesome, Inc.,
22 appointees; the Clayton County Adolescent Health Services appointees; the Youth
23 Empowerment Program appointees; and others as deemed appropriate; and

1 WHEREAS, the taskforce shall also form a youth advisory panel consisting of one student
2 representative from each high school in Clayton County and at least seven middle school
3 students; and

4 WHEREAS, this taskforce shall operate on a voluntary basis and no funds shall be set aside
5 for purpose of this taskforce and the taskforce shall issue a written report of findings and
6 recommendations, to be submitted no later than January 15, 2007, to the Clayton County
7 legislative delegation of the Georgia General Assembly for consideration of appropriate
8 legislation.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body urge the establishment of a Clayton County Missing Children's
11 Taskforce.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County Board
14 of Commissioners.